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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: ABBOTT, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/996,183  
Filed: November 28, 2001  
For: RESISTIVE HEATERS AND USES THEREOF  
Group Art Unit: 3742  
Examiner: Leonid M. Fastovsky DOCKET: THERMO.1003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 20, 2004. In response thereto, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

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